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NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF *EX PARTE* PRESENTATION

February 1, 2005

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Portals II, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Level 3 Communications LLC's Petition for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. §160(c) and Section 1.53 of the Commission's Rules from Enforcement of Section 251(g), Rule 51.701(b)(1), and Rule 69.5(b), **WC Docket No. 03-266**

Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime, **CC Docket No. 01-92**

Sprint Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding the Routing and Rating of Traffic by ILECs, **CC Docket No. 01-92**

AT&T Corp. Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Enhanced Prepaid Calling Card Services, **WC Docket No. 03-133**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 31, 2005, Walter McCormick, President and CEO of the United States Telecom Association, and I, along with nine members of USTA's Board of Directors met with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and his legal advisor, Scott Bergmann, regarding the above-referenced proceedings. The USTA Board members who participated in the discussion were Gene South, USTA Board Chair and CEO and General Manager of Lakedale Communications; Trent Boaldin, USTA Regulatory Tactics Committee Chair and President of Epic Touch Co.; Karen Puckett, President and COO of CenturyTel; Paul Freude, General Manager of Paul Bunyan Telephone Cooperative; Cristina Lambert, President and CEO of Puerto Rico Telephone; Vernile Prince, President of All West Communications; Albert Kramer, Senior Vice President of D&E Communications; Robert Adams, General Manager of CC Communications; and Robert Hunt, Vice President of Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative.

The purpose of the meeting was primarily to urge the Commission to deal with reform of inter-carrier compensation in a comprehensive fashion rather than on a piecemeal basis. In that regard, the participants pointed out that it would make more sense to examine issues raised by the Sprint rating and routing Petition and those relating to virtual NXX as part of such a comprehensive review, rather than in a separate manner. The participants also argued that the Level 3 Petition for Forbearance from access charges for IP to PSTN traffic was ill-conceived and should be denied. A

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denial would also further the purpose of undertaking a comprehensive review of all intercarrier compensation issues.

Finally, consistent with prior USTA advocacy, the participants urged the Commission to act promptly to rule that AT&T's failure to pay intrastate access charges or make required universal service contributions is improper.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James W. Olson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Olson" clearly distinguishable.

James W. Olson
Vice President Law and General Counsel

cc: Commissioner Adelstein
Scott Bergmann